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FBI offers \$10,000 for info on Power

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The FBI is offering a \$10,000 reward for information leading to the arrest of Katherine Ann Power, a 29-year-old alleged revolutionary sought for eight years in connection with a Brighton bank robbery where a Boston police officer was killed.

Power was placed on the FBI's 10 Most Wanted list on Oct. 2, 1970, nine days after three men and two women stole \$26,000 from the bank and gunned down Ptl. Walter Schroeder during the getaway.

Although the hunt for Power has been nationwide, FBI agents believe she's hiding in the northeast.

Power's former Brandeis classmate, self-styled revolutionary Susan Saxe, eluded the FBI for nearly five years until her arrest in Philadelphia on March 27, 1975. Saxe admitted her role in the bank robbery and in January, 1977, was sentenced to 12-14 years in the Framingham Correctional Institution.

The FBI reward offer, made Wednesday as the search intensified, was described as "very unusual, a very rare thing for the FBI to do."

Richard Bates, special agent in charge of the FBI's Boston office, said the purpose of the reward offer is "to loosen some tongues which have been silent since the Saxe arrest."

Power is believed to be in the northeast, Bates said, only because the last place the FBI knew where she was living was in Connecticut.

Saxe also hid out for some time in Connecticut.

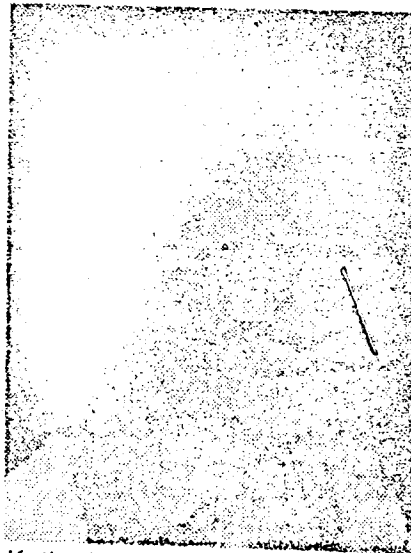
In the past two days, Bates said, agents have talked to hundreds of persons, most of them individuals living in areas where the fugitive most likely would find support.

"No one can penetrate that curtain of silence, whatever their cause might be," Bates said, pointing out that it exists not only in the U.S. but in many countries of the world.

Power is the only person still sought for the Brighton holdup and murder.

William F. Gilday, convicted of firing the shots that killed Schroeder, is serving a life term without parole at Walpole prison.

The leader of that small band of revolutionaries, Stanley R. Bond, was awaiting trial at Walpole in 1972 when a bomb he was making blew up and killed him.



Katherine A. Power